

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-18 stand rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-9 of U.S. Patent No. 6,720,338.

Applicants traverse the rejection and request withdrawal of the same.

Applicants enclose herewith a terminal disclaimer in accordance with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

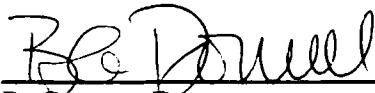
**ACTION REQUESTED**

Allowance of claims 1-18 is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional Filing Fees required under 37 CFR §1.16, as well as any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR §1.17 associated with this communication for which full payment had not been tendered, to Deposit Account No. 01-0025.

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